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GUATEMALA FOR ELIZABETH MANGINI

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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK  
ON LICENSE 050183538

¶1. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2 - 4.

¶2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 050183538 for the export of pistols to Guatemala. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. Reason for Request: The revolvers listed below are common in street crime. In addition, the end-user Almacen el Bisonte has provided a PO Box as its address. This request is for Post to establish the bona fides of the end-user.

¶4. Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of end-user Almacen el Bisonte by making inquiries to representatives of the company and appropriate authorities of the Government of Guatemala. Post is also requested to obtain the physical address of the company and assure it has a secure place of business. The following points are included for guidance:

(To Almacen el Bisonte)

--When was your company established and who are its principals?

--What products and services does your company provide? Who are your regular customers and where do they reside?

--What are your annual sales of U.S.-origin firearms?

--What are these revolvers generally used for in Guatemala?

--Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer or re-export?

(To Import/Export Authorities and/or Appropriate Law Enforcement Officials in Guatemala)

--Is Almacen el Bisonte properly authorized to import and sell defense articles in Guatemala?

--Do you have any information on Almacen el Bisonte that would question their reliability as a recipient of U.S. defense articles?

In its reply, Post is requested to comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

15. Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050183538

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

100 R-85104 Rossi Revolvers, .38 Caliber

50 R-35202 Rossi Revolvers, .38 Caliber

50 Major Components

50 Minor Components

License Value: USD \$37,550

SELLER:

Braztech International, LLC  
16175 NW 49th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33014

FOREIGN END-USER:

Almacen El Bidente  
Apartado Postal # 476  
19 Avenida "A" 20-51, Zone 10  
Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Tel: 23681626  
Email: almacenelbidente@gmail.com

PURPOSE:

For commercial resale in Guatemala

16. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

DSP-83 signed by Eduardo Barros (Braztech International) dated 08/05/2009 and Rene Polasek (Almacen el Bidente) dated 03/25/2009

Import Authorization No. 03/ARM-2009 issued by DECAM signed by Hector Rolando del Cid dated 01/12/2009

Purchase Order No. 02/2009/Bis from Almacen el Bidente signed by Mohamad Jamil dated 03/25/2009

17. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file on Intellipedia: <http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/> Blue Lantern End-Use Monitoring Program

18. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.  
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